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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLEAVER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 29, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EMANUEL CLEAVER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, Father of us all, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the stresses of the pandemic and its economic and educational effects stubbornly continue, we ask You once again to send Your spirit of peace and healing upon our Nation. Bless those who labor to bring healing and teaching during these difficult times.

Comfort all who are ill with coronavirus, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones because of it.

As the Members return to the Capitol, keep them safe. Fill them with Your spirit of wisdom, and strengthen their resolve to remain faithful to their oath to promote the common welfare of our Nation.

During these trying times, may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELLIOTT DUCHON ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate a constituent, who is a dear friend of mine, Elliott Duchon, on a well-earned retirement from the Jurupa Unified School District.

Mr. Duchon has served as the superintendent of JUSD for 16 years and a public school teacher for 43 years. He has dedicated his career to ensuring that our students receive a well-rounded, quality education.

During Mr. Duchon's tenure, he oversaw the expansion of dual-immersion programs to develop bilingualism and biliteracy in English and Spanish, the creation of makerspaces and innovation centers to introduce students to career technical education and STEM education, and the growth of the Jurupa Adult School to open up learning opportunities to all.

Mr. Duchon once said his greatest dream is for each and every student to

have an equal opportunity to pursue higher education. It is safe to say that JUSD schools are better positioned to deliver on that dream because of the inspiring leadership of Mr. Duchon.

He is also an active community member and volunteer, and a dedicated husband and father of three.

I feel fortunate to have known him, and I am grateful for his commitment to our community. I am wishing him a very happy retirement.

IMPORTANCE OF 2020 CENSUS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge all American citizens to complete the 2020 Census. The Census is an incredibly important tool that impacts our daily lives more than many people realize.

Many important decisions impacting Federal support for education, healthcare, transportation and infrastructure, and more will depend upon data the Census provides. The more people who participate, the more accurate the Census will reflect the needs of our communities.

Census takers have been working hard, going door-to-door to ensure everyone is counted. If you haven't been visited by a Census taker, it is easy to complete online. Go to my2020census.gov to make sure you and your family are counted. Completing the Census is easy, quick, secure, and very important. You can also respond by phone by calling 844-330-2020.

The last day to complete the 2020 Census is tomorrow, Wednesday, September 30. I can't stress the importance of the Census enough, and I encourage every American household to ensure they are counted.

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